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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAK- AUSTRIAN TALKS

1. THREE DAYS OF TALKS IN PRAGUE BETWEEN AUSTRIAN AND CZECHOSLOVAK DELEGATIONS ON BORDER AGREEMENTS AND CLAIMS ENDED MAY 18. AUSTRIAN SIDE HAD TWO DELEGATIONS: ONE FOR PROPERTY MATTERS HEADED BY FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL WODAK, AND ONE FOR BORDER AGREEMENT HEADED BY DR. FRIEDRICH HOHENBUHEL. DURING TALKS, FOREIGN MINISTER CHNOUPEK RECEIVED WODAK. ARTICLE BY CHNOUPEK IN MAY 19 " RUDE PRAVO" REFERRED TO HIS EARLIER MARCH 3 ATISLAVA MEETING WITH KIRSCHLAEGER AS PROVING THAT BOTH SIDES WERE READY TO MOVE RELATIONS TO LEVEL OF " REAL NEIGHBORLY COOPERATION"; SINCE THEN, CHNOUPEK SAID, THERE HAD BEEN SEVERAL SUCCESSFUL MEETINGS WHICH GAVE GOOD HOPES FOR FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS.

2. AUSTRIAN MINISTER SCHLUMBERGER TOLD AMBASSADOR OVER WEEKEND THAT, DESPITE INCIDENT LAST WEEK WHEN CZECH BORDER GUARDS WERE SEEN PURSUING EAST GERMAN CITIZEN 500 YARDS INTO AUSTRIAN TERRITORY, TALKS IN DRAFTING BORDER AGREEMENT PROCEEDED SMOOTHLY.

3. SCHLUMBERGER COMMENTED THAT WHEN CHNOUPEK MET
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KIRSCHLAEGER IN BRATISLAVA THE TWO MINISTERS HAD COME
CLOSE TO AGREEMENT ON LONGSTANDING QUESTION OF CLAIMS.
MORE RECENTLY, TALKS AT EXPERT LEVEL HAD IF ANYTHING
COMPLICATED SITUATION, SO THAT WODAK'S TALKS HERE HAD
RESULTED IN LITTLE PROGRESS BEYOND THAT REACHED BY
MINISTERS. SCHLUMBERGER ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT TALKS WOULD BE
CONTINUED SHORTLY BETWEEN TWO SIDES IN VIENNA.
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